Stop spam calls on Android

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SHORT ANSWER

You cannot stop every spam call, but you can cut them down a lot. In the Phone app, turn on Caller ID and spam, then Filter spam calls. Block numbers that get through, and ask your carrier about spam blocking.

1. Turn on Caller ID and spam protection

Open the Phone app → More (three dots) → Settings → Caller ID and spam. Turn on See caller ID and spam. Turn on Filter spam calls if you see it. Filtered calls stay in your call history.

> Samsung: Phone → More → Settings → Caller ID and spam protection → Block spam and scam calls
> Pixel / Motorola: Phone → More → Settings → Caller ID & spam → Filter spam calls

2. Use Call Screen if your phone offers it

On Pixel (and some other phones), open Phone → Settings → Spam and Call Screen. Choose a protection level, or tap Screen call when a number rings.

> Samsung: Phone → Settings → Call screening (on newer Galaxy phones)

3. Block and report numbers that get through

In Recents, tap the spam call, then Block or Report spam. Keep doing this so the filter learns.

4. Ask your carrier and register Do Not Call (US)

Ask your carrier about free spam or robocall blocking. In the US, register at DoNotCall.gov or call 1-888-382-1222 from the phone you want to register. That reduces legal sales calls. It does not stop scammers.

IF IT DOES NOT WORK

- Spam still rings: no filter catches every new number. Keep blocking and reporting.
- A real caller was filtered: open that call and tap Not spam. Saving them as a contact helps.
- Your phone is not ringing for anyone: see the full "phone not ringing" guide on the site.

Full guide with more detail:

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